

REMARKS

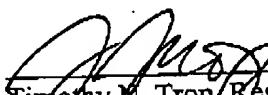
The assertion that Arik shows two sheets secured together while holding the center of the sheet in a flattened configuration should be reconsidered. The response to arguments at page 8 in the final rejection stated that Figure 2 shows the sheet being secured to a second sheet while continuing to hold the center of the sheet in a flattened configuration.

But the sheet is item number 2 in Figure 2. It is held only by the elements 46 which, referring to Figure 3, only hold the edges of the sheet, not the center of the sheet. The item that was reported to hold the center of the sheet in Figure 4 does nothing to keep the center of the sheet from bowing out. That is, because it only holds the sheet around the edges, the elements 46 thereby allow the sheet a degree of freedom at its center.

Certainly, if the Examiner is to maintain the rejection, it should be explained how it is believed that anything in Figure 4 or Figure 2 could possibly hold the center of the sheet when the center of the sheet is unrestrained and is free to bow without restriction.

Reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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